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ON THE COVER

A high-tension power pylon and a twisted Snowgum, both wearing a mantle of the new season's early snow typify the contrasts between a region as old as time and the in-roads of man as modern as tomorrow.

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To the north of Kosciusko stretches the chain of Snowy Mountains, the picturesque Tumut Valley and the National Capital, Canberra. To the east lies Cooma, the Eastern "Gateway" to the Snowy Mountains, and beyond, the precipitous slopes of the Great Dividing Range falling towards the sea.

South of Kosciusko is Victoria, the headwaters of the mighty Murray River and the Monaro plains. To the west is Khancoban and Corryong, the "Western Gateway" set within the shadow of Kosciusko itself.

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COOMA

With only a few weeks of autumn left before the start of winter the Cooma area is again bracing itself for a spectacular season of crisp, white snow and bracing alpine days.

The snow came thick and fast throughout the Snowy Mountains last year and there is every reason to expect that this winter Mother Nature will again turn on her snowy best.

Perhaps it is appropriate because of the nature of the sport that the cost of skiing is coming down — and even the cost of being power-lifted back up the slopes again is being reduced.

Thredbo Village, the premier NSW winter resort which lies on the Alpine Way almost exactly equidistant from Melbourne and Sydney, and is serviced by Airlines of NSW through nearby Cooma's all-weather airport, is the centre of the down-to-earth cost campaign.

The new scheme, introduced by Kosciusko Thredbo Pty Ltd, also gives skiers greater flexibility in planning their holidays.

Better organisation of travel tours and an increase in flying and driving connections have combined to give many winter sportsmen an extra day or two for ski-ing during their holiday weeks.

Cramming more skiing into the week created a demand for lift-and-lesson combination tickets to suit these changing requirements and the Thredbo plan provides such tickets for five, six and seven days at big reductions on the normal rates.

The price range covers seasonal periods and includes a full lift ticket and two-hour lesson each day and Thredbo skiers will also be able to purchase weekend tickets for the first time.

In all cases, Thredbo's combined lift-and-lesson tickets are priced significantly below other NSW resorts, although the village features the most advanced ski facilities in Australia.

And no other resort offers such a wide range of lift-and-lesson combination tickets within the one-week holiday "unit".

But you need not look past Cooma to discover holiday fun and excitement this winter — the town abounds in first-class hotels, motels and camping and caravan grounds; the cafes and restaurants are the best and the hospitality unequalled.

▲ To Tumut
 ▲ To Canberra
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With a population of almost 8000 and a hundred shops of every description, visitors will find no difficulty in making Cooma their Snowy holiday headquarters.

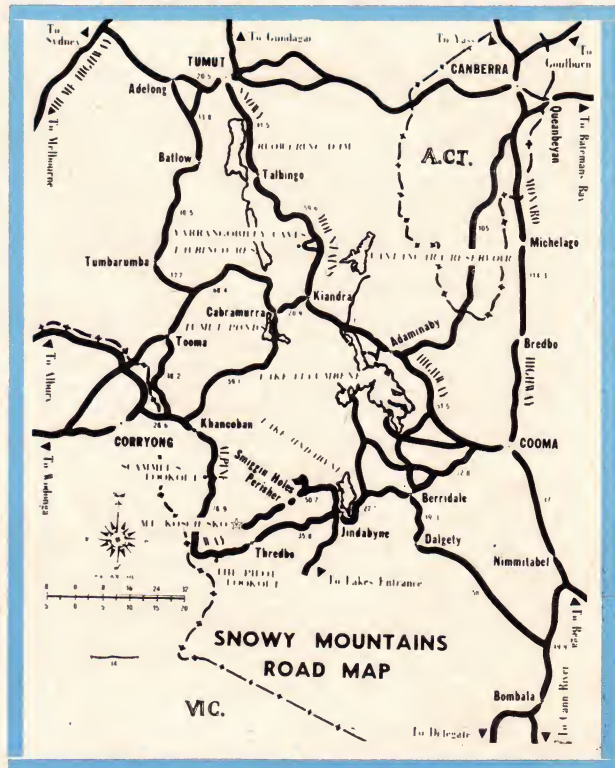
In Cooma itself they can visit all the famous landmarks — the Man from Snowy River statue, the Avenue of Flags, Clogs Cabin, the Southern Cloud Aviation Pioneers' Memorial and scenic Mt. Gladstone lookouts.

Fairytale Park is one popular attraction situated near the summit of the Mt. Gladstone reserve and here children can explore a wonderful world of storybook tales come to life (ABOVE) in enchanting bushland surroundings.

There are also many one-day tours which can be made from Cooma, either by private car or tourist coach, to the national capital Canberra, the gold rush ruins at Kiandra or the fishing resorts on Lake Eucumbene.

For helpful advice and information about tours, road and weather conditions and points of interest the staff of the Cooma Visitors' Information Centre, in Centennial Park, are eager to answer questions and be of assistance.

Adjoining the centre is the theatrette where films of the Snowy Mountains are screened several times each day, free of charge, and in arm chair comfort.



BERRIDALE

Bitumen roads radiate in all directions from Berridale, the headquarters of the Snowy River Shire and charming village boasting no less than a modern motel, historic hotel and comfortable camping and caravan ground.

Travel in any direction from the centre of Berridale and you will soon discover a wealth of scenic attractions — the Snowy River at nearby Dalgety, Lake Eucumbene with its

BERRIDALE 

trout fishing and boating marinas, the Snowy Mountains and to the east, Cooma.

There are also holiday flats and cabins for rent in and around the township and many fishermen and holidaymakers regularly make Berridale their base from which to explore the remainder of the region.

In winter Berridale becomes a major stopping place for thousands of travellers as they replenish supplies and fuel for the hour-long drive to the snowfields resorts — they can also hire skis, toboggans and snow equipment in the town.

Further south of Berridale, past Dalgety, is the rural town of Bombala — long known for its trout fishing and convenient location. Bombala is one of the few places in Australia from where visitors can travel to the snow country one day and to the sun-soaked beaches of the South Pacific the next.

Travelling north from Berridale, motorists can take a scenic short-cut to the Snowy Mountains Highway passing by Middlingbank on Lake Eucumbene.

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Jindabyne is the last stop before motorists arrive "up top" at either of the four major Snowy Mountains resorts; Thredbo, Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes or Guthega.

A bright, busy town, Jindabyne is as modern as tomorrow with its hotels, motels and lodges. Situated right on the shore of sparkling Lake Jindabyne the town is a visitors' paradise at any time of the year.

There are shops of every description at Jindabyne — chemists, restaurants, sports stores

JINDABYNE 

and cafes. The town even has its own art gallery, comparable with any of its type in the large cities.

Among the many activities available in and around Jindabyne are horse riding, mountain walks, boating, fishing, swimming, water and snow skiing and just plain lazing around.

Visitors also pass through Jindabyne travelling to and from Victoria along the scenic Alpine Way.

Jindabyne is a town familiar with everyone who has visited the snowfields resorts — in summer it bristles with talk of the "big trout", the one that got away or, more often, the trout which looked so good frying in the pan.

In winter it is a different story — this time the town is alive with colour and excitement. The nearby peaks capped in snow, on every car a pair of skis. Now the talk is of "down hill runs", powder snow, apre ski and open fires in alpine lodges.

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The Corryong area is famed for its pleasing scenery, its horses and legendary horsemen and its magnificent lookouts — also high on its list of attractions is the genuine warmth of friendliness with which it greets visitors.

The Corryong area provides plenty of scope for horse riders (ABOVE) and like the rest of Monaro-Snowy Mountains it abounds in scenic trails for riding.

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To Tumut

Astride the Snowy Mountains Highway between Cooma and Tumut is the rural town of Adaminaby. Re-built several years ago when the rising waters of Lake Eucumbene inundated the original site, the town is modern and comfortable in every respect.

Like many other centres in the Snowy Mountains, Adaminaby has its own hotel, two motels, a camping and caravan ground and ample modern holiday cottages and flats.

Extremely popular among trout fishermen, Adaminaby is within a few minutes access of either Lake Eucumbene or the Murrumbidgee River. There are also many other trout streams in the area and Tantangara Reservoir and Lake Blowering are to the north.

Adaminaby is also popular among young folk and families seeking a holiday with a difference. Here you can spend a few days living life on a sheep property, watch the shearing, sing around the camp fires and ride horseback in the surrounding hills.

The Adaminaby shopping centre features a newsagency, information centre, supermarket, cafe and a picnic park in which pride of place is a giant trout statue rising above the town — the "world's largest trout" and one well worth capturing on film.

There is also a picture theatre, bowling club and golf course and an airstrip near the town. Follow the highway north and discover Kiandra, scene of the great goldrush during the last century where some of the early diggings still stand as a silent monument to those hardy fossickers of an age gone by.

Further north is Yarrangobilly Caves, a few kilometres off the highway. Here there are picnic areas and the Cooma Visitors' Information Centre can advise of times of conducted tours.

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